Norms for Grants of Assistance of NGOs for Welfare of OBCs

1936. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the norms prescribed for grant of assistance to Voluntary organisations for the welfare of OBCs; and

(b) how much assistance has been given to each such organisation during the last year and so far during the current year, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The grants to the organizations are sanctioned on the basis of norms of the schemes. The broad criteria for giving grant-in-aid under the Scheme are (i) Recommendation along with inspection report of the State Government concerned; (ii) financial position of organization; (iii) credibility of the organization; (iv) viability of the project; and (v) location of the project.

(b) Details are given in the Annexure [*See* Appendix 188, Annexure No. 52]

Welfare Programmes for Upliftment of Poor People in Assam

1937. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the centrally sponsored welfare programmes operating in Assam during the last three years for upliftment of poor people living below the poverty line;

(b) the amount allocated to each district in Assam during this period; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) A list of Centrally sponsored schemes of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment under implementation in various States, including the State of Assam, for the welfare and

development of Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes is attached (Annexure).

(b) and (c) Funds are released to the State Government/U.Ts. on the basis of proposals received from them. No district-wise allocation of funds is made in respect of these schemes.

Reservation for Physically Handicapped in Private Organisations

1938. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that provisions for reservation for physically handicapped in recruitment as provided in the Disabilities Act of 1995, has not notified for public sector organisations;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether private organisations will not be obliged to implement social legislations enacted by the Parliament; and

(d) the details of its implementation since the enactment if the legislation is applicable to private organisations as well?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Reservation based on Social and Economic Backwardness

† 939. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to amend the Constitution in which the basis of reservation would be social and economic backwardness; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reaction of Government with regard to the demand made by the minorities in this regard?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.